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DATES

Juniors' Villa, June 8-22.
Juniors' Retreat, Fr. Paul O'Brien, Ju. 23p-Jy. 2a.
Juniors' Summer School, Jy. 5-Au. 14.
Juniors' Minors, Au. 16-24.
Theologians' Retreat, Fr. George Dunne, Jy. 22p-31a.
Ordination Retreat, Fr. Malaise, May 24p-Ju. 3a.

ALMA

The anniversary of the election of His Holiness Pius XII was celebrated on March 2. A Solemn High Mass was sung, followed by a Solemn Disputation in which Mr. Humphreys defended De Romano Pontifice, and Messrs. MacCarthy and Cowgill objected. Mr. McShane read a paper on Bellarmine and the Principles of Papal Authoriyt. In the evening a radio play, "The Man of the Era, Pius XII," written by Mr. Lanphier, was presented to the community. It was later repeated at the Novitiate.

Since October 1, the Alma Observation Post of the Aircraft Warning Service has a record of 100% efficiency. This very excellent record has been the cause of great praise from the authorities.

A course in First Aid for Instructors was given during the month by Dr. Frank Hull, M.D. Eighteen theologians, of whom fourteen were fourth year Fathers, took the course. Dr. Hull, the field representative of First Aid for the seven Western States and Alaska, was much impressed by his class. It was the first time that he taught a class of priests. It was also the first time that he did not give a final examination to a class of instructors.

Fr. Donnelly was called to Los Angeles to his sick mother. Fr. Casey's father had a serious heart attack. Fr. Minister's mother has been seriously ill in San Francisco.

Messrs. Bannan and Ernsdorff served on the district rationing board. Messrs. Graham, Maring, O'Gara and Sneeringer are conducting First Aid classes at the Novitiate.

Br. Sebesta is Assistant Procurator. Br. McFadden is working in the boiler room.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

A Catholic Literature Meeting, in conjunction with a dinner-social, was held on the campus. Students of Immaculate Heart College and Mt. St. Mary's were guests of Loyola. At the conclusion of the general discussion, Fr. Spearman spoke on "The Philosophy of Poetry."

Mar. 3. At. a special assembly, faculty and students bade farewell to Bernie Bradley, who having resigned as football coach, was leaving for the East. Tony DeLellis, for some years coach at Loyola High, succeeds him.

Mar. 4-12. Provincial Visitation.

Mar. 6. Fr. Coffey was appointed Minister. Fr. Schneider went to Loyola High. Fr. Malone became Vice-President of the University.

Mar. 7. Eight new members were formally received into the Alpha Sigma Nu at the fraternity's annual banquet.

Fr. Rector gave a triduum at Mt. St. Mary's College.

Fr. Malone gave the 8-day March retreat for the Novices at St. Mary's Academy.

Mar. 16. A Solemn High Mass, at which faculty and students united in prayer for the 63 reservists entering the Army the following day, was held in the University Auditorium. At the breakfast in the faculty refectory, former Fire Chief Brennan of San Francisco entertained the reservists with his enlistment into the Army 45 years ago during the Spanish-American War.

Mar. 17. Departure of Loyola's E. R. C. group for Camp MacArthur.

At the suggestion of the student prefect of the Sodality, a half-hour meditation is held in the faculty chapel every class day. A student slowly reads suggestive thoughts from a work on the Passion.

Fr. Prendiville helps with the chaplain's work on Sundays at Camp MacArthur.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Robert Shepherd became Minister in early March.

Fr. Schneider has been added to the staff of teachers in the high school. He may help in doing some of the registrar's work, as Mr. Dykes has left for a better paying position.

Mr. Walsh was loaned to St. Ignatius High at the close of March, to teach chemistry in place of Fr. John O'Neill, who is ill. Mr. O'Gara takes over all the Loyola High chemistry. St. Ignatius High sent Mr. Devlin to teach Mr. O'Gara's mathematics.

Fr. Ransford had to continue in his office of Prefect of Studies. His chaplaincy was deferred by Superiors because of the need of him in the school.

Frs. Hanley and Maginnis got their silver crosses, and left, Fr. Hanley for Harvard, Fr. Maginnis for Longview, Texas.

Mr. Menard has come from Canada to work with Rr. Ryder in the Russian Mission. He allso teaches in Loyola High part time, and is a good addition to the faculty.

LOS GATOS

A severe storm in February caused a very large tree to fall and disconnect our power line. The P. G. & E., aided by the Juniors, restored the connection.

Feb. 17. Frs. Sugrue and Ray Buckley brought John Hanley and T. Taheny from St. Ignatius High to begin their novitiate.

Frs. Rector and Collins represented the community at the funeral of the mother of Mr. Thomas Hand.

Fr. Provincial gave the Juniors an account of his first trip as Provincial to the Oregon Province.

Mar. 4. The son of one of our workmen was killed in North Africa.

In March, Fr. Brolan gave a triduum to the high school students at Santa Barbara.

Mar. 8. The Theologians put on a most enjoyable Radio play dealing with the life of Pius XII.

Mar. 17. Thirty Novices began a First Aid course taught by Theologians.

Mar. 21. Twenty-seven Juniors began an advanced First Aid course.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fr. Laherty gave the Novena of Grace, which was very well attended.

Evening Lenten Sermons at St. Ignatius: Wednesdays, Fr. Lyons; Sundays, Fr. John Martin. Sunday Morning Series: 9:30, Fr. Cody; 8:30, 10:30, 12:15, Fr. Peter Dunne.

Fr. John O'Neill is ill in St. Mary's Hospital.

Due to distressing help conditions, the Scholastics have assisted considerably in the kitchen and refectory. They also took over the janitorial service in the high school.

Fr. John McGloin assisted Chaplain Jerome Sullivan, and celebrated 5 p. m. Mass at Treasure Island.

The University student body was substantially reduced when about 100 were recently called to the service of Army and Navy Reserves. The institution is awaiting final inspection by the Army to become a basic training school.

The University recently received its share, $145,000 in bonds and cash, from the estate of Mary Virginia Ford, settled in a contest out of court.

BELLARMINE PREP

March 19, Feast of St. Joseph, Rev. Fr. Sugrue succeeded Fr. Donohue as Rector and Principal of Bellarmine Prep.

The Junior Debating Society staged its annual premium debate before the two debating societies, under the direction of Mr. Solon.

Catholic Book Week, directed by the Sodality Library Committee, was climaxed by Fr. Hauck's interesting talk to the student body.

In conjunction with the Propagation of the Faith Drive, Fr. Paul O'Brien addressed the student body on the Jesuit Missions in China.

Fr. Healy, guest of honor at Hoover Junior High during National Brotherhood week, addressed the students on the proofs for the existence of God from law and grace.

Fr. Franchi held First-Aid Classes at Moffett Field for future instructors of the Navy. He has taken over Fr. Maginnis' Mono County work.

Mar. 4. Parents' Night at Bellarmine. A musical concert was followed by a play, directed by Fr. Nagle. Refreshments were served to all in the students dining room.

A complete new set of equipment has ben obtained for the Varsity baseball team, coached by Fr. Kelleher.

A polyfaced clock, gift of the Dads' Club, is on its way to Bellarmine. It will ring all the bells required on the campus.

Material for a full-sized movie screen has been given to the school.

Courses in Red Cross Life Saving and Water Safety are conducted each day by Fr. Franchi after school, thanks to

the courtesy of the University of Santa Clara in granting the facilities of the swimming pool.

SANTA CLARA

The University has been selected by the War Department as a school eligible for basic engineering training of soldiers, as well as for the advanced courses. The curriculum, with the exception of philisophy and religion, will be practically as now given.

The Army planned sending 400 trainees on April 1st. The Dean of Faculties had to ask for a delay in favor of the present student body.

Mar. 7. Fr. Rector addressed the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society at the reception banquet given for new members.

Mar. 19. Santa Clara celebrated the 92nd anniversary of its founding.

The faculty and students made the traditional pilgrimage to the grotto of St. Joseph.

A novena for peace and victory, with prayers each Wednesday evening before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, has been inaugurated by Fr. Deasy.

The students hav joined the "Lenten Mass Crusade for Peace and Victory," a united effort of Catholic colleges and universities. At Santa Clara an Intention Card is used on which the student indicates his Mass attendance and intentions.

The U. S. Maritime Commission announced that one of the new fleet of tankers will bear the name: Mission Santa Clara.

Letters of commendation have been received by Fr. Donavon from the office of President Roosevelt, and from officials of the War Department branches, on the publication of the list of alumni now in the armed forces. Copies of these letters are on display in the lobby of the Administration Building.

The University has introduced a special course sponsored by the Federal Government in the College of Engineering. Many students in this course are already under contract with the Consolidated Aircraft Co. of San Diego.

Fr. Deasy preached a short sermon each evening in the Mission Church for the Novena of Grace.

Fr. Hauck gave an inspiring lecture on "Why Read Books" to the Bellarmine student body.

Paul Darrow '44, won the Owl Oratorical Contest with "The Wages of Tariffs Are War." It will appear in the April "Owl."

Wilbur Clark '44, will represent the University in the Thomas Jefferson Oratorical Contest in San Francisco.

The campus defense bond sale, going into its seventh week, has collected $48,500.

An offer is expected for the purchase of the Villa Maria property.

The Narbeth Plan, under direction of the Senior Sodality, is to be started. It is a means of propagating Catholic doctrine through the secular press.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Jerome Sullivan has been promoted to Lieutenant senior grade.

Fr. Giambastiani received his commission as a Navy Chaplain.

Fr. Bradstreet and Fr. Carr are said to have their commissions. Fr. Hanley received on March 19 word to report at Harvard for the April class. His commission was on the way. Fr. Maginnis received orders on March 23 to report at Longview, Texas.

Fr. O'Mara's outfit has been staging Rommel's retreat and pursuit. They covered a couple of states in doing it. He roughed it with the men, slept near them, got up at all hours of the night at "March Orders." The obedience of a firing battery far surpasses religious obedience. He says Mass for all sorts of outfits in varied places and at varied hours; one night for the M. P.'s; another for an anti-aircraft outfit; then for a tank battalion. All the men get to know the chaplain, who is thus all over the place. He finds the men good at attending Mass; not so good at confession and communion. This latter is partly due to the fact that he cannot get there early enough for confessions before Mass, and because the fasting offers a real difficulty, unless the men want to pass up a meal entirely. He has had only five days off out of thirty in a year, just because he did not want to desert the men in their need. He hopes to get "leave" for a visit to the coast and for his retreat.

Fr. Copeland was again all set to go across and had been promised this. But the orders were changed and he was sent to care for the men who had been disqualified in various units. Some will be rehabilitated, and some will be sent to civilian work. For a husky chaplain this was a disappointment. He and one other had the very worst cases of jaundice. Only his strong constitution seems to have saved him. He is fine now.

Fr. Kavanagh surprised us all by coming from Moffett Field, where he is Navy Chaplain.

The Harvard Chaplain School is to have a heavy representatin from California. Fr. McGrorey is there. Frs. Giambastiani and Hanley are going for April.

Fr. Ransford did not get his silver crosses, Instead he was handed a plain black cross, the duty of Prefect of Studies at Loyola High. It was deemed necessary to keep him at the school. Another is to go to the service in his stead.

Fr. Crowley wrote on March 12, the anniversary of the day on which he left Santa Clara, reportd at Fort Ord, and was told not to unpack, but be prepared to sail. Some of his heavy work has been lightened by the coming of a Black Franciscan, O.F.M., who is a Navy Chaplain. He taught in the Catholic University at Peking. Fr. Crowley has an attendance of 30 at Maass each morning, who mostly come in a truck from an outfit nearby.

He had an hour's visit with Bishop Sweeney and Archbishop Mitty. He is to go on the air during Lent. His assignments are not the easiest, for the 6th and 9th Commandments are his subjects.

Fr. Clark completed a letter on March 1st. He is riding a bicycle on his trips about the wide camp and to town. He got his men to build some courts for volley ball and basketball, and had the league started (he is in charge of recreation and entertainment), when the hospital suddenly grew overnight and placed new tents all over the courts!

He saw a lot of M.P.'s lining the road, then a heavily armed convoy came, and there was the Great White Father. The others would not believe it. But on the return trip, when the M.P.'s again lined the road, the men saw the President smiling and bowing to them.

The Red Cross is very kind and efficient in getting wires across for the soldiers. Father visits all his sick once a day, as he did at S. F., Hospital. Of the sick Catholics 90% go to Communion on Sunday.

Ten of the forty Chaplains are Catholics. They try to meet once a week to discuss the work and problems.

Fr. Clark assisted Archbishop Spellman in a Mass at Fedala near Casablanca.

Fr. Stretch is a Chaplain. Fr. Bradstreet was ordered to Camp White, Ore. Fr. Johnson is at Camp Cook, Calif.

VARIA

A student from Harvard Law School reports that the usual 1600 enrollment has dropped to 200. Where ahere used to be 100 freshmen in the Law School, there are now only 20.

Loyola Law School had 14 out of 15 of its degree men who took the bar examination for th first time, pass successfully. This gives the school a 93.3% standing. Other examinees pulled the rating down to 74%. Stanford's corresponding figures were 100% and 88.9%. Of their degree men 16 out of 16 passed, taking the examination for the first time. U.S.F.'s final percentage is 69%. Santa Clara's 81.2%.

The Red Cross sent this message written by Mr. Louis Dowd in China, Oct., 1942, for his mother. "Healthy, happy. Absolutely nothing extraordinary happening for us here. Studying theology, teaching catechism, eating, sleeping as always. It's a crime. Love, thoughts, prayers in plenty."

Joseph A. Thunder, a Coadjutor Novice, was at Los Gatos in 1936, and remained about a year. A leaflet on "My Sunday Missal" carries a story from the "Tablet," February 20, 1943, about Joseph Thunder's missal on Midway Island during the Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941. With no priest present, he read his Sunday morning Mass prayers. That night the missal went with him through an all-night fire-fighting session, and got a good soaking. He sent the missal as a souvenir to Fr. Stedman, editor of the missal.

Fr. Paul O'Brien gave the Novena of Grace at St. Joseph's, San Jose. At noon 300 attended, 200 at night.

St. Joseph's has introduced Stations of the Cross at noon each day in Lent, Sundays excepted.

Fr. William Deeney went to Denison, Texas. On going through Los Angeles, and on returning, he stayed at Queen of Angels Hospital. It is reported that he is to be operated on by Dr. Holleran.

DEATHS

Feb. 10. Fr. Robt. Dachy, in Atlantic.
Mar. 28. Fr. John Corbett, Dearborn, Mich.
Mar. 28. Fr. Edw. Kenney, Port Townsend.
(The following for Ore. Prov. only):
Mar 14. Br. Fred Hermens, Portland. Mothr of Fr. DeLucchi.

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